

Application No. 10/797,481

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATIONIn the Specification

Please substitute the following amended paragraph(s) and/or section(s) (deleted matter is shown by strikethrough and added matter is shown by underlining):

At page 15, line 29 to page 16, line 9, please replace the paragraph with the following:

Generally, a guide pin can be used to orient performance of a less invasive procedure. Placement of the guide pin can be based on an appropriate image of the patient. Additional imaging can be performed to verify desired placement of the guide pin with the pin in place. An incision is made around the guide pin. While the guide pin can be used for open or less invasive procedures, if a less invasive procedure is performed, the cannula is generally placed around the guide pin. The cannula can be positioned using a cannulated trocar that fits over the guide pin. Once the cannula is in place, the site can be prepared for immobilization immobilizaton. For example a cannulated drill bit can be used to drill around the pin position. The desired immobilizaton immobilization element can then be placed in the SI joint at the pin position. The pin may or may not be removed following the delivery of the immobilization element. The pin may be cut down if desired. Following deployment of the immobilization element(s), the incision is then closed.